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Waters Bungalow
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1920

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WATERS BUNGALOW

MHT Inventory Number: S-442

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-442

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common WATERS BUNGALOW

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ethel Stevenson
% R. Campbell Waters

street & number 113 S. 61st Street telephone no.:

city, town Philadelphia state and zip code PA 19139

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 151

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 165

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Waters bungalow stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of Upper Hill Road and Waters Lane in the community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1920, this story-and-a-half, two-bay by two-room frame dwelling is supported on a rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) facade is a slightly asymmetrical elevation with an engaged front porch sheltering the front entrance and an adjacent series of three-over-one sash windows. Large tapered posts, resting on block plinths enclosed within a shingled knee wall, support the porch roof. The medium sloped roof is dominated by a long shed dormer pierced by three-over-one sash windows. The eaves to the dormer as well as the main block are extended and the undecorated rafter feet are exposed.

The north gable end elevation is an asymmetrical facade marked by a mixture of three-over-one sash windows and smaller three-pane windows. The extended eave is embellished with a few Craftsman-style stick brackets. The south gable end is detailed in a similar fashion.

The rear wall is marked by a side entrance fitted with a partially glazed door, and to the south is a series of three-over-one and single-pane sash windows. The rear roof slope is dominated by full shed dormer pierced with a paired and single three-over-one sash windows.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

D 

E | | | | | | | | | |

F 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant date 6/5/1995

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WATERS BUNGALOW

Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland

Chain of title

121/76

Elizabeth A. Bowser

to

9/8/1941

R. Campbell Waters

Bertie L. Waters

Bounded on the west side of county road leading through Upper Hill bounded on the north by a ditch between the land hereby conveyed and the land of Thomas Miles, on the west by the land of Charles Johnson and on the south by the land of Clyde Waters

To Elizabeth Bowser by 2 Deeds

1. From E. J. Davy 5/ /1918
WJS 74/580 on "Freetown Hill"
2. From Dr. Edward E. Tull 3/28/1919
WJS 78/119 on "Freetown Hill"

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Parcel 90

UPPER FAIRMOUNT

P. 4	4				
P. 28	JONES	FACTORY	NO.		

MARION QUADRAI
MARYLAND-SOMERS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTOI

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(MONIE)

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47'30"

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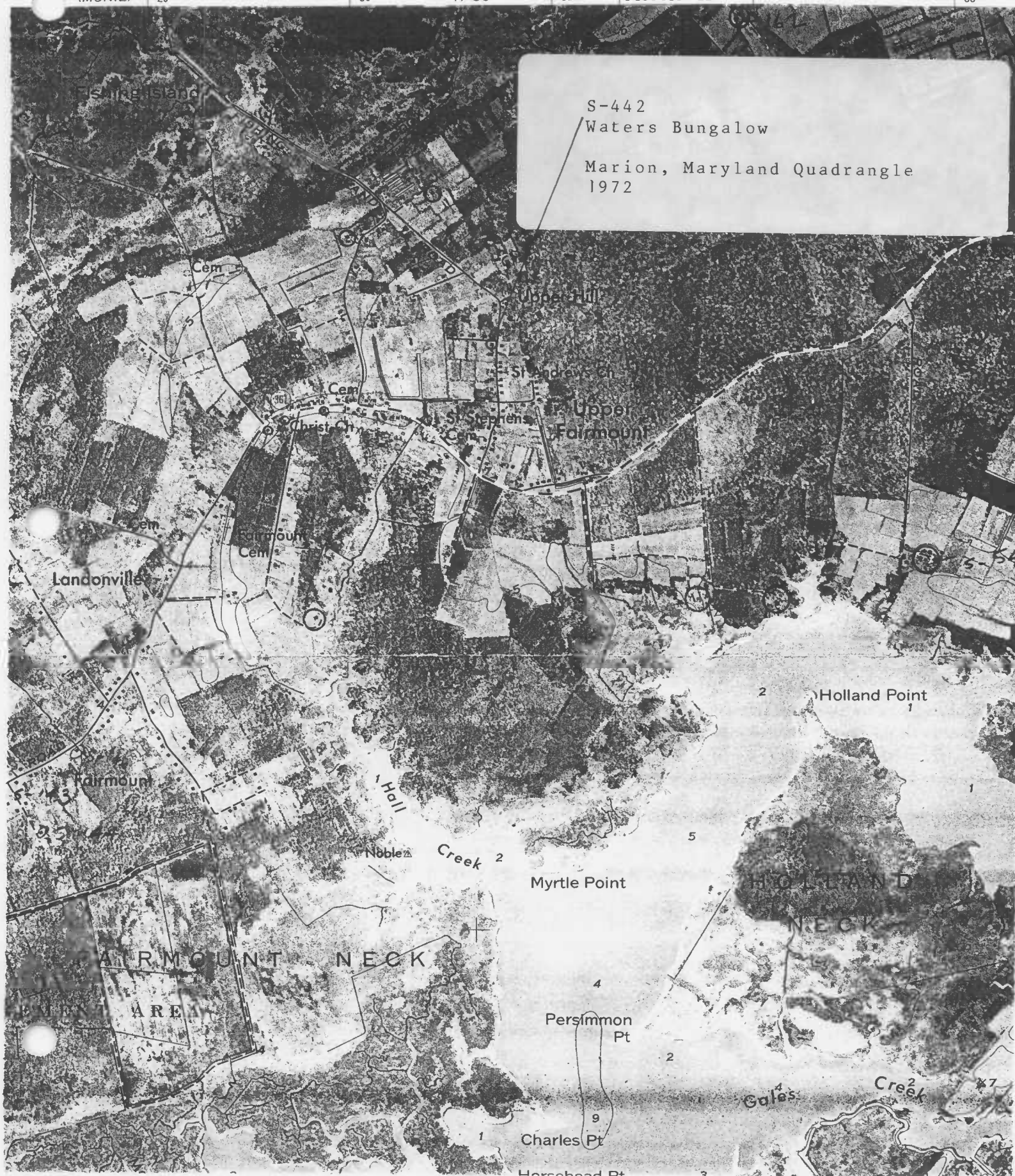
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Marion, Maryland Quadrangle
1972





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UPPER HILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, MD
MICHIGAN - 1000000000

6/95, PAUL TOWNE, PITTSBURGH

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